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Name of Patentee: Yamasaki et al.
Title of Invention: VIBRATION LINEAR ACTUATING DEVICE, METHOD OF DRIVING THE SAME
DEVICE, AND PORTABLE INFORMATION APPARATUS USING THE SAME
DEVICE

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT
FOR PTO MISTAKE (37 C.F.R. § 1.322(a))

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1. Attached is Form PTO/SB/44 being suitable for printing.
2. Correction of the Official Letters Patent is respectfully requested in view of the following text which appears correctly in the application file:

Please replace claim 1 with the following:

1. A vibration linear actuating device comprising a vibrating linear actuator and a driver for driving the actuator;
the vibrating linear actuator including:
 - (a) a mover having a permanent magnet magnetized in a radial direction
 - (b) a stator having a coil and facing the permanent magnet; and
 - (c) an elastic body for coupling the stator to the mover and energizing the mover toward a center of the stator, the driver including:
 - (d) a driving section having a switching element for powering the coil;
 - (e) and output controller for controlling the switching element; and
 - (f) a zero-cross detector for detecting a zero-cross point of back electromotive force (BEMF) generated in the coil and outputting a zero-cross signal;

wherein the driver transmits the zero-cross signal to the output controller and powers the coil in one direction for vibrating the mover in corporation with the elastic body,

characterized by

 - (g) a zero-cross monitor interposed between the zero-cross detector and the output controller, the zero-cross monitor monitoring the zero-cross signal and prohibiting acceptance of a next zero-cross signal for a given time after input of the zero-cross signal.

As indicated in the Article 34 Amendment filed on September 27, 2004.

Please replace claim 2 with the following:

2. The vibration linear actuating device of claim 1, wherein the driver transmits a re-starter signal to the output controller when the zero-cross signal is halted for a given time.

As indicated in the Article 34 Amendment filed on September 27, 2004.

Please replace claim 3 with the following:

3. The vibration linear actuating device of claim 1, wherein the zero-cross detector is coupled to the coil via a BEMF amplifier and a level-shift section.

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5. The vibration linear actuating device of claim 4, wherein the timing adjuster includes a phase locked loop.

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6. The vibration linear actuating device of claim 1, wherein the output controller includes a pulse width modulator.

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7. A method of driving a vibrating linear actuator, the actuator comprising: a mover having a permanent magnet magnetized in a radial direction; a stator having a coil and facing the permanent magnet; and an elastic body for coupling the stator to the mover and energizing the mover toward a center of the stator, the method comprising the steps of:

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- (d) counting step (b) based on the determined result of step (a);
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wherein the judging result at step (a) is kept invalidated until counting up at step (e).

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8. The method of driving a vibrating linear actuator of claim 7 further comprising step (f) for counting for itself based on the determined result of step (a), wherein step (c) starts counting when step (f) counts up.

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9. The method of driving a vibrating linear actuator of claim 8, wherein step (f) is reset depending on a next determined result.

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(a) a board;
(b) a vibrating linear actuator mounted to the board; the actuator including:
(b-1) a mover having a permanent magnet magnetized in a radial direction;
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(b-3) an elastic body for coupling the stator to the mover and energizing the mover toward a center of the stator;
(c) a driver mounted to the board, the driver including:
(c-1) a driving section having a switching element for powering the coil;
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(c-3) a zero-cross detector for detecting a zero-cross point of back electromotive force (BEMF) generated in the coil and outputting a zero-cross signal;
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Please cancel claims 17-21 from the originally filed application.

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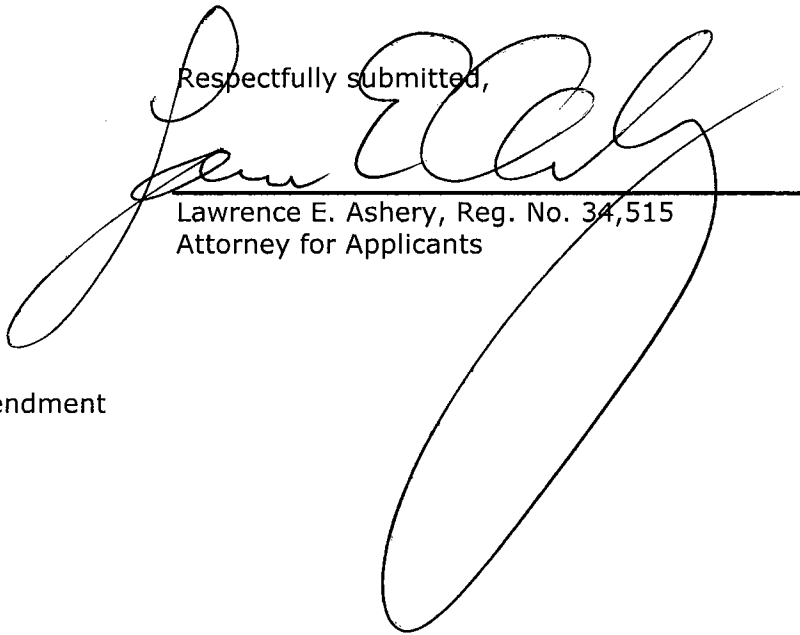
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(c) a driver mounted to the board, the driver including:
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CLAIMS

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